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1. PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL'S STATEMENT AT HIS APRIL 10
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REMARKS ABOUT THE US-GOT DCA SIGNED IN WASHINGTON MARCH 26.

BEGIN QUOTE

ON 26 MARCH IN WASHINGTON WE SIGNED THE NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH WE HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE USA SINCE THE END OF OCTOBER. COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS ONE, THIS AGREEMENT DEFINES MORE CLEARLY THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE DEFENSE COOPERATION RELATIONS WILL HENCEFORTH BE RUN AND FOUNDS A STRONG AND STABLE BALANCE BASED ON MUTUAL BENEFIT AND RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE ON 30 MARCH, OUR FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE DETAILED INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE NEW PRINCIPLES INTRODUCED BY THIS AGREEMENT AND AMONG THEM THE DEFENSE SUPPORT WITH WHICH THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES (TAF) WILL BE PROVIDED SO THAT THEY CAN FULFILL THEIR NATO DUTIES. I SEE NO NEED TO REPEAT THE DETAILS OF THIS INFORMATION. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL BRIEFLY TO REPEAT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

THE INSTALLATIONS WHICH WERE RUN JOINTLY FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES WILL HENCEFORTH BE THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES INSTALLATIONS.

THE INSTALLATIONS WILL BE UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF TURKISH COMMANDERS.

THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES WILL DESIGNATE TURKISH PERSONNEL TO A RATE OF 50 PERCENT, OR EVEN ABOVE THAT WHEN NECESSARY, TO EVERY SECTION OF THE INSTALLATIONS WHICH REQUIRES SPECIALITY, ESPECIALLY IN RUNNING THE TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT.

THE INSTALLATION COMMANDERS AND AUTHORIZED TURKISH OFFICIALS WILL RUN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTALLATIONS WITH FULL POWERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE OVERSEEING AND INSPECTION SECTIONS.

IN GENERAL, THE EXTENT OF TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION AND THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL THE INSTALLATIONS WILL BE LIMITED BY THE RESPONSIBILITIES DERIVING FROM THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. IN ANY CASE, NONE OF THE INSTALLATIONS CAN BE USED FOR PURPOSES OUTSIDE THOSE ALLOWED BY THE TURKISH REPUBLIC.

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THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED WITHIN ARTICLE III OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. UNDER THE AGREEMENT THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES WILL BE PROVIDED WITH \$250 MILLION DEFENSE SUPPORT IN GRANT AND LOANS BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EACH YEAR TO ENABLE THEM TO FULLFILL THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. ALSO, A \$70 MILLION EX-IM BANK LOAN WILL BE GIVEN ANNUALLY. ADDITIONALLY, THE \$86 MILLION WORTH OF VARIOUS TYPES OF

DEFENSE MATERIEL WHICH WAS WITHHELD AFTER THE EMBARGO DECISION WILL BE DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY TO TURKEY AS SOON AS THE AGREEMENT TAKES FORCE. THUS A TOTAL OF \$1366 MILLION DEFENSE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE SECURED OVER FOUR YEARS. BESIDES THIS, TURKEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH PHANTOMS, VARIOUS TYPES OF FIGHTER AND ADVANCE TRAINING AIRCRAFT, HELICOPTERS, DESTROYERS, SUBMARINES AND A SUBMARINE RESCUE VESSEL AT THE LOWEST AND REDUCED PRICES AND QUICKEST DELIVERY.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO SUM UP AS FOLLOWS THE OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE AGREEMENT:
WITH THIS AGREEMENT THE LINK BETWEEN TURKISH-AMERICAN BILATERAL DEFENSE COOPERATION RELATIONS AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND GRECO-TURKISH RELATIONS HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SEVERED.

WITH THIS AGREEMENT ALL RESTRICTIONS ON DEFENSE SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES AND ALL CONDITIONS FORE-SEEN FOR DELIVERY OF THIS SUPPORT HAVE BEEN LIFTED.

THE AGREEMENT INVOLVES A FOUR-YEAR COMMITMENT BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IT WILL THEREFORE BE PRESENTED FOR RATIFICATION BY CONGRESS. IF, IN USING ITS ANNUAL SUPERVISORY POWERS OVER THE BUDGET BILLS, CONGRESS DOES NOT ENABLE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO FULFILL ITS TREATY OBLIGATION, TURKEY'S RIGHT TO TAKE THE REQUISITE COUNTER MEASURES TO STOP COOPERATION, HAS BEEN RESERVED.

THE AGREEMENT WILL SUPERCEDE THE AMERICAN AID LEGISLATIONS FOR TURKEY, UPON ITS RATIFICATION BY CONGRESS.

THE AGREEMENT WILL BE RENEWED FOR FOUR-YEAR PERIODS
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IF AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON THE SUBSEQUENT FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMS. FURTHERMORE, BOTH PARTIES WILL BE ABLE TO ABROGATE THE AGREEMENT DURING THE PERIOD IT IS IN FORCE AT ONE YEAR'S NOTICE.

THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE THE SOLE DOCUMENT ON WHICH TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE RELATIONS WILL DEPEND. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF MAKING BILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS IN ADDITION TO THIS. THE BILATERAL TECHNICAL AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO PARTIES SHALL THEMSELVES DRAW UP THE ARRANGMENTS CONCERNING THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION. THE QUESTION KNOWN BY THE PUBLIC AS "BILATERAL AGREEMENTS" HAS THUS BEEN TOTALLY CLOSED. END QUOTE

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2. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: THE PRIME
MINISTER'S PREPARED STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTED PREDICTABLE
PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WITH INTERPRETATIONS APPARENTLY
HE DEEMS USEFUL FOR DOMESTIC POLICAL PURPOSES. THE
PRINCIPAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL'S
STATEMENT AND THE EARLIER ONE OF FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL
(REFTEL) IS THE CORRECTION OF THE LATTER'S REFERENCE
TO "IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS." IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH
OF THE TEXT (ABOVE), DEMIREL MAKES CLEAR
THAT THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS
BUT RATH "ARRANGEMENTS" CONCERNING SOME ASPECTS OF THE DCA
IMPLEMENTATION.
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